

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 954

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize John Washington for his many accomplishments and his valuable contributions to education and to the students of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, John came to Mansfield Independent School District Board of Trustees after a long career as a teacher, counselor, and principal in Port Arthur; unable to remain retired, he easily won a seat on the board of trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure, the school district has faced phenomenal growth, and John has often acted as the board's unofficial public relations manager, using his background as an educator to bridge the gap between teachers and administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, John was often able to conciliate opposing viewpoints on sensitive educational issues in the community, such as censorship, drawing on his teaching experience and his belief in educational ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, He plans to stay active in schools and teaching, and he will continue to serve as an assistant superintendent of Sunday school at Bethlehem Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend John Washington for his many years of dedication and commitment to education of the schoolchildren of Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate